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I believe that Microsoft's practices towards large users should be prohibited.

The PFJ places restrictions on how Microsoft licenses its products to OEMs, but not on how it licenses products to large users such as corporations, universities, or state and local governments, collectively referred to as 'enterprises'. Yet enterprise license agreements often resemble the per-processor licenses which were prohibited by the 1994 consent decree in the earlier US v. Microsoft antitrust case, in that a fee is charged for each desktop or portable computer which could run a Microsoft operating system, regardless of whether any Microsoft software is actually installed on the affected computer. These agreements are anticompetitive because they remove any financial incentive for individuals or departments to run non-Microsoft software.

Please do not let the settlement as it stands move forward. Why have so many found it reasonable to go to such lengths to comb over the remains of Enron, while at the same time letting Microsoft spend over 20 years manipulating the software market to their gain and their gain alone?

Thank you,

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